

Dear Friend  
W.W.C.

Oakland 1 Oct 1853.

Since I wrote to you upon the subject of differences amongst our Eastern lecturers & friends I have conversed with Frederick Douglass upon the subject and as his version of the affair is entirely different from the one I sent you it is but right for me to give his story.

I forbore mentioning the subject to him until he had alluded to the subject and had given me a brief outline of the affair - I then told him the different information I had had of it - the same which I wrote you - He then said that justice to himself required that he should give me all the particulars, which agreed with the outline he had previously given me - He, nor any others, are aware that I have written you.

Frederick says that Mr Bradburn offered a resolution the wording of which I have forgotten but the purport of it was the influence of Slavery upon the Northern people. He said that he should not speak to this resolution at that time, but should proceed to answer some objections to the anti-slavery cause some 20 of which he had noted down, and that if there were any persons in the audience who felt any such objections which he had not got in his list, to hand them in too and they should be attended to - Upon these objections, he consumed the afternoon reading only the 5th one on his list - The next morning the chairman of the meeting read the resolution and remembered that it was before the meeting and Mr Bradburn called to the floor - To this Fred. objected - stating that he believed the President had mistook the matter - that Mr Bradburn had ~~grossly~~ declared he was not speaking to the resolution and in fact had not been doing it - consequently <sup>the subject</sup> ~~of~~ the resolution was, before the meeting, Mr Bradburn was

not entitled to the floor - The chairman decided that he was when Remond appealed and the meeting sustained the chair. About this time Douglas says Bradburn who could not distinctly hear what was going on adopted the idea that they were attempting to hinder his speaking, and made some very offensive personal remarks - alluding to them as colored men, styled their conduct monkeyism - and went on with his speech occupying the whole day, & except a few minutes in the evening when Remond repeated his personalities but as Douglas reports neither called the chairman a jack off nor the people monkeys -

My object in writing to you (and through you to the Mass. Board) in the first instance I think I stated was to make the suggestion that a better arrangement of the speakers might be had than one which should bring them thus into conflict and wound the antislavery cause by the evidence of disagreement among them. I was under the necessity of signing a reasons for the suggestion & therefore gave you, the relation which Augustus Nuttall had sent me of the doings at Jonesboro - Having sent that, the present letter giving the other side seemed to be called for. It is as unpleasant for me to write about such matters as it can be to you to read -

Frederick has been doing a grand work in this neighborhood the past week - The people hear gladly - proslavery politicians, and religious, are perfectly rabid and fuming at the news at every corner - A great work is now going on in the Meth. E church - quite a number are coming out of her and joining the Free Wesleyans - The Quakers also are in confusion - both sects a branches of the same sect rather - The coming out of these organizations is all right, but the formation of the new ones all wrong. The tree of religious organization can bear none but bitter fruit when we see any good in the sectarians, investigation will prove it to exist in spite of the hindering influences

of sect, and springs from the native Humanity of the individual. If sects must exist however better these new ones which recognize now in some degree the rights of the negro - Liberty Hall at Oakland is consecrated to Freedom. It is as free to the sectarians to promulgate his views as it is to the true man to teach truth. The consequence of having one spot where true Liberty has an abiding place, rude though it be, and unfitted for convening the people in, when the weather is inclement seems likely to be ~~far~~ destructive to ~~the~~ sectarians in this region. The commotions already excited in the proslavery church, and in this I would class as preeminent the Quaker church are occupying a different relation to the subject of slavery, is ominous of its downfall.

Many members of the several different denominations were attracted to our free meeting in the Hall on Sunday last, and so far as I could gather persons ~~for~~ judging, received without desire of abatement the eloquent denunciation <sup>with white</sup> of Frederick apailed the religious organizations in our midst for their shameful derelictions of duty. I hope the Ohio American Society may be able to make an arrangement with Frederick to spend a year in our state before long. He could not operate in a more fruitful field -

With much respect I remain  
your A P Brooke

A. Brooke.

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another letter in the  
box upon this same<sup>5</sup>-  
subject.

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